

**CITY OF BOULDER
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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING
MINUTES**

Name of Board/ Commission: Transportation Advisory Board	
Date of Meeting: 12 December, 2015	
Contact Information Preparing Summary: Meredith Schleske 303.441.3204	
Board Members Present: Zane Selvans, Chair; Dom Nozzi, Daniel Stellar, Bill Rigler, Andria Bilich	
Board Members Absent:	
Staff Present: Michael Gardner-Sweeney, Interim Director of Public Works for Transportation Bill Cowern, Transportation Operations Engineer Kathleen Bracke, GO Boulder Manager Marni Ratzel, Senior Transportation Planner Dave “DK” Kemp, Senior Transportation Planner Meredith Schleske, Board Secretary	
Type of Meeting: Advisory/ Regular	
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order	[6:04 p.m.]
The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.	
Agenda Item 2: Approval of minutes from 12 October and 9 November 2015	[6:04 p.m.]
Move to approve 12 October and 9 November, 2015 minutes as presented.	
Motion: Rigler Second: Stellar	
4:0:0 Motion Passes (Bilich absent, arriving at the meeting @ 6:15 p.m.)	
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation	[6:04 p.m.]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. Public participation closed. 	
Agenda Item 4: Public hearing and consideration of a recommendation regarding Living Lab Phase I)	[6:04 p.m.]
Dave Kemp and Marni Ratzel gave the presentation to the board.	
<p>Executive Summary from Packet Materials:</p> <p>The purpose of this item is to provide a Living Lab Phase I update and recommendations for consideration to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB). Staff last briefed TAB on the Phase I pilot projects at the Sept. 15, 2015 meeting. Based on TAB feedback, staff conducted additional outreach and hosted an open house to seek additional feedback. This update includes the community feedback from the open house, project evaluation highlights, and staff recommendations for the Phase I projects.</p> <p>Phase I of the Living Lab program provides a forum for testing new, innovative facilities and contemporary treatments to improve Boulder’s existing bicycle infrastructure. Phase I projects began in 2013 as part of the community engagement process for the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) update and have been opportunistic and primarily bicycle related. User feedback is an integral element of the evaluation process coupled with technical data and field “before and after” behavior observations. The Phase I analysis process is also being informed by the lessons learned from the Living Lab Phase II experience related to Folsom Street.</p>	
<p>Requested Action from TAB:</p> <p>Staff requests Transportation Advisory Board consideration of this matter and approval of recommendations as summarized below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Buffered bike lanes - Spruce Street (15th to Folsom streets) – Keep as-is. Refine buffered bike lane design when Spruce is re-stripped. 2. Protected bike lanes - Baseline Road (30th to 37th streets) – Extend to Mohawk Dr. and remove concrete parking stops. 3. Protected bike lanes - University Avenue (9th Street to Broadway) – Convert back to buffered bike lane configuration. 4. Back-in angle parking - University Avenue (Broadway to 17th Street) – Keep as-is and continue to monitor. 5. Continue monitoring and evaluating the remaining Phase I projects. 	

Board member Andria Bilich arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Public Comment: None. Public comment closed.

Board discussion and comments included:

[6:23 p.m.]

- Questions about refinement of buffered bike lanes on Spruce Street. They will be restriped, signage made consistent with other locations, and a decision made on which style of buffered bike lane to use.
- Expressions of broad support for the program.
- Questions regarding criteria, and validity thereof, by which decisions were made.
- Comments supporting narrowing of traffic lanes and reduced car speed. Recognize the scope and goals of the project.
- Discussion regarding crash data and trends at specific locations.
- Concerns regarding tone and reactive or proactive messaging to the community and Council.
- Encouragement to identify and benefit from lessons learned, filtered through the Folsom experience.

Motion: Motion to recommend to City Council retention of buffered bike lanes on Spruce Street, extension of protected bike lanes on Baseline Road, conversion of protected bike lanes on University Avenue to buffered bike lanes, retention of back-in angle parking on University Avenue, and continued monitoring and evaluation of remaining Phase I projects. Motion including concerns regarding communications, data, and decision-making.

Motion: Bilich Seconded: Selvans

Vote: 4-0-1, Rigler abstained, Motion Passes

Bill Cowern, Marni Ratzel, and Dave “DK” Kemp were excused.

[7:26 p.m.]

Agenda Item 5: Matters

[7:26 p.m.]

A. Matters from the Board

- **Updates re: collaboration with other city boards** – there was none.
- **TAB input for Council retreat**
 - In response to public feedback, Council requests annual input to their planning process and priority setting via Board letters to Council, due December 21st. TAB was provided with the letter they wrote to Council last year.
 - General agreement that TAB urges Council to remain committed to, and work directly with RTD to improve, Flatiron Flyer.
 - Access Management and Parking Strategy (AMPS), community rider bypass, wellbeing of cyclists, continued bicycle treatments such as protected bike lanes, renewed vision for transit and corridor studies were discussed as important focal points.
 - Feedback to Council should align the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan (BPCP).
 - Request TAB involvement or input to the BVCP.
 - TAB would like Council to “stay the course” and move forward with the TMP and BVCP in alignment with values and vision of our community.
 - Refer to lessons learned.
 - More effective communication with the community and subgroups such as concerned cyclists is desirable.
 - Look at notes from TAB’s 2015 retreat.

Other discussion included educational opportunities including a 2016 retreat and community experts. Staff can arrange an update to TAB regarding the BVCP.

Action: Chair Selvans appointed Board members Bilich and Rigler to draft the TAB letter to Council and directed staff to follow up on any potential to extend the letter due date past 12/21/2015.

Andria Bilich was excused at 7:48 p.m.

Board member Rigler brought up the below matter(s):

- Requested an update on the search for a new Transportation Director for Public Works – Interviews are

intended to be conducted in January/February. An informal public reception is likely and the candidate to possibly be on the job in March. Board member Stellar is interested in being involved in the process in some manner; Interim Director Sweeney will relay the request.

- **ACTION: Staff will poll TAB members for a date to debrief Living Labs phase II.**

B.) Matters from staff/Non Agenda:

[7:53 p.m.]

- **Living Lab phase II updates:** – transitioning from weekly to monthly on the website. City Council requested a map of crashes, also on the website. Travel time is now comparable to before implementation, slight increase in travel volume over a month, car speed reduced 2-3 mph than before, crashes increased.

Action: Staff will ensure that relevant transportation statistics are posted on Facebook and Twitter.

- A transportation report on transportation from 2012 to 2015 for each TMP focus area using the nine measurable objectives will illustrate accomplishments. Anticipated completion by 2015 year-end.
- Community-wide Eco Pass report – Technical Advisory Committee continuing to work, evaluating pricing models, working with RTD. RTD's new director is committed to working with Boulder.
- Flatirons Flyer – staff is trying to engage RTD in communication with the public and clarifying changes to the public. RTD is reducing number of buses serving the route and service stops to three inbound; eight outbound. Will make service faster but rider feedback to date has been negative. Staff recommended not eliminating stops at locations with greatest ridership. RTD states they intend to monitor. Service is scheduled to begin January 3, 2016 with an opening celebration January 7.

Action: Staff will prepare talking points for TAB members wishing to attend the opening celebration, with emphasis on longstanding ridership. City priorities in this area are to maximize existing and new ridership and strategic access.

- **Safe Route to School** – Two grant applications due in January. The programmatic section will be education in schools; infrastructure focus will be sidewalk improvements 19th Street from Norwood to Sumac. These federal grants are for five years.
- Board member Stellar inquired if there was any report from the Paris Climate Conference or resulting updates to the TMP. Staff understanding is that former mayor Appelbaum will make a presentation.

Agenda Item 9: Adjournment

[8:10 p.m.]

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, by motion regularly adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Motion: moved to adjourn; Nozzi, seconded by: Rigler

Motion passes 4:0

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be a regular meeting on Monday, 11 January, 2016 in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, at 6 p.m.; unless otherwise decided by staff and the Board.

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED:

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Date

Date

An audio recording of the full meeting for which these minutes are a summary is available on the Transportation Advisory Board web page.